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SUBJ: U.S. POSITION ON EXPANSION OF IMF AND IBRD EXECUTIVE
BOARDS

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1. I TOOK OCCASION OF PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED LUNCHEON WITH MINFIN DUISENBERG TO RAISE QUESTION OF SOUTH AFRICAN REPRESENTATION ON IMF/IBRD. DUISENBERG SAID THAT HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES HAVE ALREADY CONSIDERED THIS PROBLEM AND HAVE DECIDED THAT LEAST OF ALTERNATIVE EVILS WOULD BE TO PERMIT SOUTH AFRICA, TOGETHER WITH SPAIN AND TURKEY, TO FORM A NEW SEAT. HE EXPRESSED ASSUMPTION, ON WHICH I DID NOT COMMENT, THAT USG WOULD NOT BE PREPARED FOR POLITICAL REASONS TO SEE SOUTH AFRICA FORCED TO WITHDRAW FROM IFIS DUE TO ITS INABILITY TO ATTACH ITSELF TO AN EXISTING CONSTITUENCY. HE IMPLIED THAT DUTCH WOULD ALSO NOT BE HAPPY WITH THIS SOLUTION. HE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT NO PRESENT CONSTITUENCY, INCLUDING DUTCH, WOULD BE WILLING TO TAKE ON SOUTH AFRICANS. HE SAID THAT DUTCH HAD ATTEMPTED INFORMALLY TO PERSUADE AUSTRALIANS TO MAINTAIN STATUS QUO BUT WITHOUT SUCCESS.

2. DUISENBERG MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE SHARES OUR VIEW THAT PRESENT SIZE OF EXECUTIVE BOARDS IS ALREADY TOO LARGE BUT HE SEES NO PALATABLE ALTERNATIVE TO CREATION OF NEW CONSTITUENCY. IN FACT DUISENBERG WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE WILL MAKE AN EFFORT AT UPCOMING IMF/IBRD MEETINGS TO REVIVE ROLE OF G-10 AS ALTERNATIVE TO C-20 (WHICH "DOES NOTHING") OR "GROUP OF FIVE" (WHICH IS TOO EXCLUSIVE).
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